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CONSTITUTION.

I.

NAME.

The name of this Association shall be THE TRENTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

II.

OBJECT.

The object of the Society shall be the collection and preservation of materials of the Local History of Trenton and its vicinity.

It shall be promoted by the reading of papers, by public lectures, by the report of special committees appointed to inquire into particular subjects of interest, by erecting or in the dedication of tablets or other marks to identify important and approved historical sites, by the publication as may be deemed advisable of its transactions, and by such other means as the Society upon report of the Executive Committee may deem expedient.

III.

MEMBERS.

The Society shall consist of all those who attend on organization and of their associates and successors elected in accordance with the provisions of these articles relating to membership.

IV.

OFFICERS.

The officers of the Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary (who shall also be Custodian of the Archives and responsible for their care and preservation), and an Executive Committee, as hereinafter provided, who shall be elected at the annual meeting on the third Thursday in January of each year.

V.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

The President shall appoint at the November meeting in each year a Nominating Committee of five persons, to nominate officers for election at the next annual meeting. The report of the Committee shall be mailed to the members of the Society with the notice of the annual meeting.

VI.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee shall consist of twelve members, of whom the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary and Corresponding Secretary shall be six. The Corresponding Secretary of the Society shall be the Secretary of the Committee.

VII.

MEMBERSHIP.

Membership shall be either Active or Honorary, the former consisting of those who live within the vicinity of the Society. All propositions to membership must be submitted to the Executive Committee and approved by them before being voted on by the Society. Active members shall be elected by a majority vote, and Honorary members by a three-fourths vote of the members present. Persons elected to Active membership shall become such only upon signing the Constitution. Persons elected as Honorary members, who must be selected from such who have performed important historical service, shall become such on their acceptance.

VIII.

THE ARCHIVES.

All papers, reports and lectures read or delivered before the Society are designed to be the property of the Society and form part of the archives to be used by it at its pleasure. In case of the dissolution of the Society or the suspension of its activities for two years, its archives and other property shall be transferred to The Free Public Library of the City of Trenton in trust for the purposes of the Society and its possible revival.

IX.

BY-LAWS.

The Society will formulate by-laws prescribing the duties of its officers, the times and place of meeting, the order for the transaction of its business, the ways and means for its support and the payment of authorized expenses. The By-Laws first adopted may be amended or added unto at any regular meeting of the Society by the concurring vote of three-fourths of the members present, provided that the proposition to alter shall have been made at a previous regular meeting.

X.

AMENDMENTS.

Additions and amendments to this Constitution may be made at any regular meeting of the Society by the concurrence of three-fourths of the members present, provided the proposition to alter shall have been made at a previous regular meeting, and that two weeks' notice shall have been given by mail or otherwise to each member.

XI.

A signature to this Constitution shall be a signature to the By-Laws of the Society.

BY-LAWS.

I.

THE PRESIDENT.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and decide all questions of order, subject only to an appeal to the members present to be taken without debate.

II.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

In the absence of the President one of the Vice-Presidents, according to seniority, shall act in his stead.

III.

THE SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall make and record correct minutes of the proceedings of the Society at all meetings, shall notify new members of their election, and perform such duties as may be herein or by resolution of the Society assigned to him.

IV.

THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The Corresponding Secretary shall answer all letters addressed to the Society, open and conduct such correspondence as may promote its object and keep a record thereof; shall act under the direction of the Executive Committee, whose secretary he shall be, and shall perform such other duties as may be made to appertain to his office by the by-law or resolution of the Society or Executive Committee.

V.

THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys of the Society. He shall keep accurate accounts of his receipts and expenditures, and exhibit the same at the annual meeting or whenever called upon so to do. He shall have authority to sign checks for the withdrawal of money from the bank for the payment of expenses, only when the various items of expense have been authorized to be paid by the Executive Committee or by a vote of the Society at a regular meeting.

VI.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to execute all measures referred to them by the Society.

VII.

ANNUAL DUES.

The annual dues of the Society shall be five dollars for each calendar year, payable in advance. If any person shall be in arrears for dues at the time of the annual meeting, the Treasurer shall report the matter to the Executive Committee, who shall have power to act in the premises.

VIII.

MEETINGS.

The regular meetings of the Society shall be held on the third Thursday of January, March, May and November in each year. Special meetings of the Society may be called at any time by the President upon his own motion, or upon the written request of five members, when five days' notice thereof shall be given by the Secretary to the members, which notice shall state the object of the meeting.

The meetings shall be held at such hour and place as the Executive Committee may from time to time designate.

IX.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The order of business at meetings of the Society shall be as follows :

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Reception of new members.
3. Reading and approval of minutes.
4. Proposal of new members.
5. Deferred business.
6. Report of the Executive Committee.
7. Miscellaneous business.
8. Reading and discussion of papers.
9. Oral communications and suggestions of new subjects of inquiry.
10. Election of officers and executive committee at the regular annual meeting.
11. Adjournment.

The order of business may be transposed or its limitations extended at any meeting by a vote of the members present, taken without debate.

X.

QUORUM.

Ten members present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may proceed with historical work and the reception of new members.

Five members present at any meeting of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

OFFICERS.

Elected March 20, 1919.

PRESIDENT.

Hon. Edwin Robert Walker.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Hon. Frederick W. Gnichtel,
Foster C. Griffith.

SECRETARY.

William J. Backes.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Dr. Carlos E. Godfrey.

TREASURER.

General Thomas S. Chambers.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Elected March 20, 1919.

Hon. Edwin Robert Walker, Chairman,
Hon. Frederick W. Gnichtel,
Foster C. Griffith,
William J. Backes,
Dr. Carlos E. Godfrey, Secretary,
General Thomas S. Chambers,
Charles S. Aitkin,
John J. Cleary,
Hon. Frederick W. Donnelly,
Edmund C. Hill,
Howard L. Hughes,
Clayton L. Traver.

CHARTER MEMBERS.

March 20, 1919

Charles S. Aitkin,
Colonel Samuel S. Armstrong,
William J. Backes,
Hon. Charles H. Baker,
Hon. Jonathan H. Blackwell,
Joseph L. Bodine,
Vincent P. Bradley,
John S. Broughton,
Gardner H. Cain,
John A. Campbell,
A. Reeder Chambers,

General Thomas S. Chambers,
Augustus L. Clark,
John J. Cleary,
Harry D. Conover,
*Dr. Paul L. Cort,
Hon. Frederick W. Donnelly,
John P. Dullard,
Edward W. Dunham,
Rev. Charles H. Elder,
Hon. Harry E. Evans,
John D. Faussett,
Rt. Rev. Mgr. John H. Fox,
General Frederick Gilkyson,
Hon. Frederick W. Gnichtel,
Dr. Carlos E. Godfrey,
Caleb S. Green,
William E. Green,
Foster C. Griffith,
Hon. James Hammond,
William J. Harney,
Edmund C. Hill,
Kendrick C. Hill,
Leon D. Hirsch,
Howard L. Hughes,
Frederick F. Katzenbach,
William B. Kirkbride,
William S. Kulp,
Henry B. Kümmel,
William C. Lawrence,
Hon. Harry D. Leavitt,
Alfred K. Leuckel,

* Deceased.

Charles S. Maddock, Jr.,
Hon. Erwin E. Marshall,
William H. Miers,
Hon. John A. Montgomery,
Owen Moon, Jr.,
Henry C. Moore,
Joseph A. Moran,
General C. Edward Murray,
Hon. A. Dayton Oliphant,
Colonel James V. Oliphant,
Samuel D. Oliphant,
William Reich,
Karl G. Roebeling,
James W. Rusling,
Colonel Harry B. Salter,
H. Arthur Smith,
Hon. Richard Stockton,
Hon. Edward C. Stokes,
Frank Transue,
Clayton L. Traver,
Harvey M. Voorhees,
Thomas F. Waldron,
Hon. Edwin Robert Walker,
Bernard J. Walsh,
Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Walsh,
William G. Wherry,
Robert V. Whitehead,
William Williams, Jr.,
Edward S. Wood,
Hon. Ira W. Wood,
L. L. Woodward,
Joseph H. Wright,
William H. Yard.

MEMBERS.

Elected May 15, 1919.

John R. Downer,
J. Conner French,
Frank W. Hunter,
Rev. George H. Ingram,
John S. Neary,
Linton Satterthwaite,
Ernest Volk,
Ralph H. Wilbur.

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